

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 667

February 17, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to permit Tennessee to count Permanent Senior Citizen hunting and fishing license holders in its annual license certification to the USFWS as the state did prior to the 2011 certification, or at a minimum permit Tennessee to count Permanent Senior Citizen licenses sold prior to the September 2011 change in regulations in future certifications.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the USFWS changes their certification regulations to reflect the inclusion of the specified license holders as urged by this resolution, there will be a recurring increase in federal funding received by the state estimated to be \$2,000,000 per year. Otherwise, the fiscal impact of this resolution is considered not significant.

Assumption:

- Prior to the regulation changes that occurred in September 2011, approximately 177,000 Permanent Senior Citizen licenses were included in the respective counts provided to the USFWS each year.
- No longer being able to count the estimated 177,000 license holders following the regulation changes made in September 2011 caused the state to lose approximately \$2,000,000 in recurring federal funding.
- To the extent the USFWS permits Tennessee to count the estimated 177,000 licensed holders as a result of this resolution, there will be a recurring increase in federal funding estimated to be \$2,000,000.
- Any administrative cost associated with the urging resolution is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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